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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are active in the present application.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Wong for withdrawing the previous rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, and the provisional rejection of the claims under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

The present claims relate to granulated sweeteners which comprise Aspartame and Acesulfame-K as active ingredients, in which the amount of Acesulfame-K is 5 to 90 % by weight based on the total amount of Aspartame and Acesulfame-K and wherein the